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## CASH CLOTHING CONCERN.

45 EAST PARK ST., BUTTE.

## The Credit Business

Has anyone ever stopped a moment to figure what a credit business leads to? It is estimated that in certain large houses in this city that 85 per cent. of their business is done on credit, presumably to be settled on the next pay day. From a conservative estimate, based on 15 years' experience in a retail house doing a credit business, we can correctly state that fully 20 per cent. of our credits were lost entirely, and fully 10 per cent. were outstanding over one year before they were paid. Does this pay? Cannot any man or woman possessing an ordinary amount of common sense see that in order to do business at all they must make some one pay the accounts of the 20 per cent. that are lost. Who is it that pays this? Why it can only be those who pay cash for their goods, for although there may be a great many who do not pay, there are none who do not intend to pay when they get the goods, and if you attempt to charge these people more for their goods they will not buy them. It therefore stands to reason that a house doing a strictly cash business as we do can and does sell goods at a much smaller margin than a house selling on time, for if we did not we could not get the patronage of any of the 85 per cent. who buy on credit and the other 15 per cent. would not be sufficient for us to exist.

## Spring Overcoats.

We have received in the past week our stock of spring overcoats, which is large and well assorted, and will interest any one who is thinking of investing. It comprises Meltons, Kerseys, Corkscrews and Cassimeres, in light and dark shades, silk and satin lined and faced. They are beauties, all bright new goods that have not been kept in camp for the past season. We have in particular one light-colored Kersey that is good enough for a banker to wear that we have marked at \$10. Another in a dull gray, an entirely new color, worn very largely in the East, at \$18, that any credit house would ask you \$24 for, and not blush at that. In medium weight coats we have a full assortment at a price that we will guarantee to be lower than any house in town.

## Boys' Clothing.

This department has been rather dull lately, owing to the fact that most of the boys were supplied before Christmas, but now it is time for the clothes to be beginning to wear out, and we are ready to supply the deficiency. In short-pants suits we have a large assortment in all grades, especially in Jerseys, which we are offering as low as \$3, and from there to \$7, the goods being largely reduced in price. For larger boys, we can fit them out for \$4, and from there to \$25, having quite an assortment of cutaway frock suits at the latter price. Come and see us, as if you need anything we can suit you, and do not forget to bring your purse, for remember we are

## Strictly Cash

## CASH CLOTHING CONCERN

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## DEAD AS A COFFIN NAIL

The Coinage Committee Decides to Report Adversely on the Silver Bill.

HAS CLEVELAND DECLINED

A Washington Rumor Has It That the Ex-President Will Not Accept the Nomination of His Party—Speaker Reed in His Glory.

Special to the Standard.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Free coinage was defeated to-day by the action of the coinage committee, when only four members of it voted in favor of a report of the senate bill. The adverse report that was ordered by the minority puts the bill at the bottom of the house calendar, from which it can only be rescued by the committee on rules or a vote of the house, which the speaker may be depended on to prevent. There is no doubt that the republicans are prepared to support the finding of the majority of the committee and that free coinage will have to go over until the next congress.

There is a story here that Cleveland has told a friend recently that he could not accept the nomination of his party for the presidency and that democrats must look out for some one else. It is supposed to come from Whitney, though Carleton is suspected of giving it out. Both Whitney and Carleton deny having had a knowledge of the alleged declaration.

Reed trampled all over the democrats to-day and attempted to run the house by rulings that were carried during the day to suit himself and the purpose of his committee on rules.

Dr. J. H. Miller has been appointed medical examiner of the pension office at Virginia City, Mont.

FARMERS WANT MORE MONEY.

The Stockless Statesman Pleads for Free Coinage Before the Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The house coinage committee to-day by a vote of eight to four decided to report the senate free coinage bill adversely, with the recommendation that it do not pass. The four members in the minority were: Carter, Bartine, Bland and Williams. The two first named are republicans and the last two democrats. The majority was: Wickham, Walker, Comstock, Knapp and Taylor, republicans, and Tracy, Wilcox and Vaux, democrats. When the free coinage men found they were defeated, Carter moved as a substitute, first a bill for free coinage of the American product, and next, one for the purchase of 10,000,000 ounces of silver for three months, and 6,000,000 ounces each month thereafter. Both were defeated. Only Carter, Bartine and Bland voted for the first, and Carter and Bartine for the second proposition.

The senate free coinage bill will now go to the foot of the over-burdened house calendar, with the committee recommendation that it do not pass.

Before the committee closed its hearings this morning, Congressman-elect Jerry Simpson of Kansas argued in favor of free coinage. The farmers demand more money, he said; he did not care if free coinage did cause foreign silver to come to the United States. He wished it would. It couldn't come too soon, for it would give the people more money.

Alonso Waddell of South Dakota, Pierre Humbert of Boston and Senator Stewart spoke in favor of free coinage. E. B. Bacon, representing the chamber of commerce and the Merchants' association of Milwaukee, submitted an argument against free coinage.

The silver bill will be reported to the house to-morrow. The majority report will not go into the argument of the question. Silver men generally are disposed to regard to-day's action as practically the end of silver legislation for this congress. An effort will be made to have the bill acted on by the house, but its friends do not express hope of success. The anti-silver men are well pleased, and Representative Walker expressed an opinion this afternoon that the bill would never see light again in this congress.

SAYS IT IS NOT SO.

Cleveland Denies That He Has Declined to Be the Nominee in '92

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland said to-night, in reference to the statement published in the Washington Post to the effect that he had definitely decided not to come before the people as a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination in 1892: "It is entirely untrue so far as I am acquainted with facts in connection with it; I believe it a mere newspaper sensation."

The ex-president parried all additional questions put to him about the story and positively declined to define his position regarding the convention of 1892.

The Emperor's After-Dinner Speech.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—Emperor William at a dinner given in his honor this evening by the Brandenburg diet, said he was aware that much he had recently done had changed many of his people. It was necessary, however, for them to confide in him with a view only to the welfare of the whole. "In our time," he added, "when disloyalty and other vices steal through the world, when an ocean of printing ink and paper is lavished to embarrass and darken everything, you must hold with me; I remain calm in the hope that you will follow me."

The Chilean Rebellion.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—An official dispatch to the Chilean legation states the revolution is confined to the rebel squadron and troops at Maripaca. The greater part of Chile is quiet, and the regular troops and national guard are supporting the government. The accuracy of this news is doubted among commercial firms.

List of Confessions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The following confessions were made to-day: Joseph D. Jones of Utah, judge of probate, Utah county, Utah; James H. Stark of Utah, judge of probate in Piute county.

## THE JOURNEY TO ST. LOUIS.

The Casket Containing Sherman's Remains Viewed by Thousands.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 20.—When the funeral train left Harrisburg last night at 11:30, cold rain was falling. This continued all night and when the train arrived at Pittsburgh it was still raining. The run during the night was devoid of accident, crowds of old soldiers and citizens assembling at the stations along the line to see the train go through. At Edgewood the train stopped long enough for three of the lieutenant Fitch's children to get on. As the funeral train nears Pittsburgh and road crossings became more numerous, group after group of people were to be seen standing there, unmindful of the rain, only intent on honoring in their humble way the remains of the dead hero. Soon after they got onto the train the grandchildren were taken by Lieutenant Fitch, their father, into the composite car that they might see the casket in which lay all that was mortal of their illustrious grandfather. Nearly all the people on the train arose and got ready for breakfast as Pittsburgh was reached at 7:47.

The funeral train ran into an open switch at Mansfield, Pa., but was only delayed five minutes. But for the fact of the train running slowly a collision would have occurred.

When the train arrived in this city the bells tolled and minute guns were fired while flags drooped in the rain at half mast. At the depot was assembled a large crowd. A regiment of national guard and all grand army posts of the city were in line, and when the train stopped they saluted it.

The departure from Pittsburgh was at 8:10. Breakfast was served as soon as the train got outside of the city limits, and while the travelers were thus engaged the storm cleared away.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 20.—At Denison a large crowd gathered at the station, including G. A. R. veterans. The door of the funeral car was opened, and they were allowed to take a look at the casket. At Newcomb all the public school children stood in line as the train passed, with heads uncovered and carrying small flags edged with black.

At 12:50 the train stopped at Newark. Here Mrs. Judge Granger and her son, Sherman Granger, got on the train. The doors of the car in which was the body, were opened, and the G. A. R. veterans passed by, each one taking a look at the casket as he passed.

The entire trip from Pittsburgh to this point has been interspersed with demonstrations of sorrow by all classes of people. The family of General Sherman themselves became, as the day passed and these signs of sorrow multiplied, more and more impressed with the great love the people bore for their lost one. As the train rolled into the station at Columbus the space on either side was crowded with people and for squares away was a solid mass. It is estimated that fully 30,000 were struggling to get a view of the train. Comrades of McCoy post, G. A. R., were in the station accompanied by a drum corps. Senator Sherman, ex-President Hayes, General Ewing and others of the party had a brief talk with relatives about Columbus who had come to the train. Quite a number of relatives of the deceased general from Lancaster and Denison joined the funeral party at this point.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 20.—Rain was falling in torrents and a high wind was blowing when St. Paris was reached at 5:30. Flags could be seen at half mast on many buildings, the school and church bells were tolling, and a big crowd, including a company of G. A. R. men, and one of Sons of Veterans, were at the depot. At Piqua, a small station west of St. Paris, a repetition of the scenes at the latter place were witnessed. Just as dinner was over Richmond was reached. Governor Hovey here boarded the train to escort the remains to Indianapolis.

It was the people of Richmond that gave the train the grandest reception it had received since it left New York. Over 10,000 people were at the station. As soon as the old soldiers on the platform heard that General Schofield was on the train they called for him. General Schofield came to the platform and in a brief speech said: "There are a thousand of my children here that I know. It is under sad conditions we meet. We have all lost a comrade and friend. Take good care of yourselves, boys, and good bye." When Schofield finished speaking tears were rolling down the cheeks of many in the group of old soldiers. When the train started the boom of cannon was heard, church bells began to toll, and the Richmond light guards fired a salute. Indianapolis was reached at 10 o'clock.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—The storm of rain and sleet ceased to-night, and was followed by a cold wind, which promises to get the streets in presentable shape for the funeral procession to-morrow. The pall-bearers were selected this evening as follows: Military, General Pope, General Beckwith, General A. Smith, General Turner, General Warner, Brigadier-General Barriger, Commander Cotton, United States navy: citizens, Judge Samuel Treat, Daniel Q. Garrison, Isaac H. Sturgeon, Thomas E. Tutt, R. P. Tansey.

THE SAILORS' DEMANDS.

Suggestions Calculated to Increase the Efficiency of the Service.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Petitions have been received by the navy department from sailors on board the Chicago, Atlanta, Boston, Yorktown, Philadelphia and Dale asking that their pay be increased; that marines be removed from men-of-war as standing between sailors and officers; that sailors be created non-commissioned officers the same as in the army, and various other suggestions which they consider will improve their position, relieve them from humiliation and increase the efficiency of the service and cause the common sailor to take more interest in his work.

Lieutenant Casey's Murderers Captured.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—A dispatch received at army headquarters to-day from General Brooke announces that Lieutenant Casey of the First Infantry has captured the Indians who murdered Lieutenant Casey and Herder Miller. The arrest caused no disturbance. They will be tried by the civil authorities.

## TIME IS GROWING SHORT

A Committee to Decide What Bills It Is Necessary to Pass.

PETITIONS FROM BUTTE

The Expressmen Want the License Law Changed and Some Citizens Want the Sunday Law Repealed.

Special to the Standard.

HELENA, Feb. 20.—These bills were passed by the senate to-day: Senate bill fixing the pay of members of the legislature at \$6 per day. Speaker of the house and president of the senate \$10 per day and 20 cents mileage; providing for the examination of the state treasurer's books and for his removal in case of default or delinquency; making the Historical society a state institution; fixing the compensation of employees of the legislature; house bill to pay for the care and maintenance of the insane; house bill to pay the salary and expenses of the inspector of mines and his deputy; house bill providing for the care and maintenance of the insane.

These bills were introduced in the senate: By Senator Hedges—Giving the United States jurisdiction of land used for government purposes; by Senator Goddard—To cure defects to the title to lands.

These house bills were introduced: No. 145, by Hoffman—An act to amend Section 1353, chapter 8, compiled statutes of Montana, relating to licenses; No. 146, by Wallace—An act providing for additional revenue for the state law library; No. 147, by Frank—An act for the preservation and protection of non-indigenous fish.

Senate bills creating the State university at Missoula and the Normal school at Livingston were reported favorably in the senate.

A petition was received from the Butte expressmen asking for a repeal of the license law concerning their business. Certain Butte citizens also asked for a repeal of the Sunday law.

These bills passed the house: Appropriations for the relief of A. C. Witter et al.; appropriating money to pay mileage and salaries of members of the legislature; for the benefit of the Montana library; for the care of the insane; for the relief of employees.

A committee consisting of one from each county was appointed to decide upon necessary bills to be passed by this legislature. In committee of the whole the additional judges for Silver Bow and Lewis and Clarke counties, and also the senate bill providing for regular sessions of the supreme court.

LAKE FRONT ABANDONED.

Important Meeting of the World's Fair Directory Yesterday.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Probably the most important meeting yet held of the world's fair directory was concluded just before midnight to-night. When adjournment was taken the directors had formally voted to abandon the lake front as a part of the site for the exposition. The fair will be concentrated at Jackson park.

Estimates were submitted showing a saving of \$1,000,000 in construction and operating expenses by putting all of the fair at one place, and this, together with terminable delays in harmonizing the vast interests effected by the use of the lake front resulted in sending the entire vote to the southern part of the city. Nothing will be done with lake front save to beautify it with statuary as memorials of the exposition.

A delegation of labor leaders presented demands for the employment of Union labor as far as possible, the eight-hour day, preference to local residents and American citizens, a minimum rate of \$1.50 per day for unskilled laborers and the establishment of the arbitration system. The directory promised to pass upon the demands before the contracts were let.

IN HIS OWN DEFENSE.

Judge Beatty of Idaho Appears Before a Senate Sub-Committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—James H. Beatty, nominated by the president as United States judge from Idaho, and whose nomination has been opposed by the Idaho senators on the ground that he was connected with the Clagett faction in the legislature which sought to reverse the action of that body in the election of Senator Dubois, has arrived here and appeared before a sub-committee of the senate this morning to defend himself against the charges preferred against him.

Parnell to the Front.

DUBLIN, Feb. 20.—Parnell enters promptly on his campaign and will be first in the field. He comes to this city accompanied by J. O. Kelly, member of parliament, and L. P. H. Hayden, member of parliament. After the meeting at Rosecommon he will speak at Stokestown and then return to Dublin, where he will address the Gaelic Athletic society, who have gotten up a meeting in his honor.

Double Murder and Suicide.

LEIGH, Neb., Feb. 20.—This morning A. McCubbin, a well-to-do stockman, living four miles north, shot and killed his wife and hired man, Frank Yob. He gave the oldest child money with instructions to take the young children to their grandparents' home and then took acetic acid, dying shortly after. Domestic trouble was the cause.

A Sensational Case Ends Suddenly.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The suit brought by the Chicago Fair and Trotting Breeders' association, better known as the Corrigan case, against Mayor Croiger, in which sensational charges were made against his honor, was dismissed this morning by Judge Collins, as the prosecution dropped the case.

Enjoying Her Visit.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Ex-Empress Frederick of Germany is thoroughly enjoying her visit, taking long walks and visiting shops.

## KILLED FOR SIXTY DOLLARS.

Palmer Finley Stabbed and Robbed at Turah by Thomas Leonard.

Special to the Standard.  
MISSOULA, Feb. 20.—About 6 o'clock Sheriff Houston received a telegram from Bonner asking him to go at once and arrest Thomas Leonard, who had stabbed Barney Finley at Turah, a point between Bonner and Clinton, and robbed him of \$60. Finley was not dead, but could not live to be brought to the hospital here. Houston left soon after. Men are out after Leonard. Finley's right name is Palmer Finley. He is an old man and was a member of Company C, 142d New York Volunteers during the war.

Albert Trainor, known here as Larry Connors, met with an accident resulting in death yesterday. He was loading logs at a log slide at John Donigan's camp on Blackfoot river, 30 miles from here, and got caught between two logs. His left leg was cut off below the knee and the right almost severed above the knee. His friends immediately started for the hospital with him, but the loss of blood was so great he was nearly dead on his arrival at 11:30 last night and died at 2:30 this morning. The funeral will take place at 9 a. m. to-morrow. Trainor was about 30 years old.

Charles Boyle and Robert Bell are in jail to-night awaiting an examination of their mental condition to-morrow. Bell tried to kill his wife recently and Boyle is said to have been off his balance for some time and worse since he was struck on the head with a revolver Christmas night.

School children celebrated Washington's birthday with songs, recitations and dialogues this afternoon, after which Judge Sloane presented the school with a flag which was accepted by William Bickford and S. G. Murray. It will be half-masted to-morrow out of respect for General Sherman.

A RICH VEIN OF ORE.

Philipsburg Excited Over a Reported Strike in the Elizabeth.

Special to the Standard.

PHILIPSBURG, Feb. 20.—Considerable excitement has been occasioned in Philipsburg and vicinity over a reported strike in the Elizabeth. The report is to the effect that a rich vein of ore has been encountered in the north crosscut in the mine. A dispatch was received here to-day to the effect that Elizabeth was quoted at \$3 on the St. Louis market in consequence of the strike. Very little can be learned of an authoritative nature, but the belief is general that the report has good foundation. If it turns out to be true, a decided advance may be looked for in Elizabeth stock.

There is a report in circulation to the effect that the John Mitchell mining claim has been sold to the Granite Mountain company for \$60,000 cash. The owners of the property are Lawrence Donelan and Thomas F. Hynes. The property has been bonded for the past couple of months to Mr. Goff of Helena, it is supposed in the interest of the Granite Mountain company. The John Mitchell claim is located but a short distance south of Philipsburg and is between the San Francisco company's property and the Silver Chief.

NEARLY FROZEN TO DEATH.

A Cascade County Deputy Sheriff Gets Lost in a Snow Storm.

Special to the Standard.

GREAT FALLS, Feb. 20.—A narrow escape from being frozen to death was the experience of Deputy Sheriff Terhune the other day. He had to go to Black Butte, 20 miles distant, on an official mission, and when near there became caught in a blinding snow storm that rendered it impossible to keep the road, and he soon found himself lost on the bleak plateau. To add to his misfortune his team ran the buggy against a snow bank, upsetting and smashing it, and frightening the horses. Bewildered as to direction, he determined to follow the animals and trust to luck to find some ranch. This he did, but all that day and night he wandered along, but found in the morning that he had made no progress, having traveled in a circle. Getting his bearings he started off and finally arrived at the ranch of George Bassett, more dead than alive. His was a miraculous escape.

The Knights of Pythias celebrated the 27th anniversary of the founding of their order by a grand banquet last night.

THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Gallatin County Anxious That the Legislature Dispose of the Bill.

Special to the Standard.

BOZEMAN, Feb. 20.—There is considerable interest stirred up here over the agricultural bill. It is the general opinion here in Gallatin county that the location of the agricultural college should be disposed of at this session and thus secure the annuity allowed by the United States for the support of agricultural colleges. The matter has been pretty well talked over in nearly all eastern Montana, and the general opinion is that Bozeman being in the center of the richest farming county in the state, the college should be located here and located at once.

A Brakeman Killed.

Special to the Standard.

BELLEVUE, Idaho, Feb. 20.—A collision this morning between two freight trains on the Oregon Short line at Minnidoka, 50 miles east of Shoshone, resulted in killing a brakeman named Abbott. Passenger trains have been tied up all day in consequence. The cause of the collision is attributed to the train crews.

Want the Earth.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Feb. 20.—The Standard Oil company has just purchased 20,000 acres of land in Green county, Pa., and Monongahela and Marion counties, in this state, the entire county of Gilmer, outside of the county seat, and nearly all of Doddridge county and a part of Mason, and are negotiating for other tracts.

William Is All Right.

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—Rumors on the boules of Berlin, Paris and Vienna to the effect that Emperor William has been advised by his physicians to go to Italy for several months because of bad health are emphatically denied.

## LA BLANCHE DONE UP

Young Mitchell Knocks the Marine Out in the Twelfth Round.

JEERED BY THE CROWD

The Victor Had the Best of It Throughout the Fight and Whipped the Ex-Champion With Ease.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—George La Blanche, the "Marine" and Johnnie Hergert, better known as "Young Mitchell," fought to-night at the California Athletic club for \$2,500. Five and one-half ounce gloves were used. La Blanche was knocked out in the 12th round.

Throughout the fight Mitchell seemed to stop La Blanche's rushes and centered his blows with much ease. There was a great deal of clinching and some hot fighting but not much damage was done. In the seventh round Mitchell sent the Marine to the floor with a right-hander on the nose. Near the end of the round, however, Mitchell himself went down under a like tap.

In the twelfth round, after a few blows had been struck, Mitchell hit La Blanche lightly with his left on the jaw. La Blanche dropped, and rolling over on his face, remained on the floor until counted out. He was roundly jeered upon leaving the ring.

THE MOST SEVERE IN YEARS.

Yesterday's Storm Terribly Crippled the Railroads and Telegraph Systems.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—The storm of last night was the most serious in its effect on telegraphic communication experienced for years. This morning nearly all the train dispatchers in railroad offices here were without communication with the outside, and trains ran as best they could without orders. Fortunately, no accidents occurred. Great forces of linemen are out, and communication with all points is being gradually restored. The Western Union company suffered more than at any time since the great sleet storm of 1883. Not only wires but many poles were down. The Postal company was in the same condition. The signal service predicts that the warm rain of to-day will be followed by colder weather to-morrow.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 20.—A heavy snow-storm prevailed yesterday in South Dakota and northern Minnesota. The snow-fall is heavy and general. To-day it was snowing hard in North Dakota, and in the northern part of Iowa there was a heavy sleet storm. There has been no delay in railroad service thus far.

ANTONITO, Col., Feb. 20.—A terrific snow and wind storm has been raging the past three days over the mountain range west of Antonito. Railroad traffic is entirely suspended toward Durango. The Durango express which passed through Wednesday morning is now cooped up in the mountains.

THE FLOODS SUBSIDING.

The Scene in the Flooded District One of Desolation.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 20.—The river is falling here very rapidly. The scene in the flooded districts is one of desolation and ruin. There is much suffering among the poorer classes. At Parkersburg and points between Wheeling and that place, the situation is very discouraging. At Parkersburg the water is still rising. The damage cannot now be estimated, but it is enormous and the suffering is great. The deluge has paralyzed business and the city of Parkersburg is cut off from the outside world. The suburban town of Riverside is still covered, and the inhabitants are camping on hills until the water subsides. A special from Findlay, Ohio, says: The Blanchard river is driving all the residents of the lower section from their houses, and is doing considerable damage to property. Not for 20 years has the river been so high.

FRANCE AND THE POPE.

The Church Must Hold Aloof from Political Parties.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—The Figaro says: Bishop Fieppell, a well known clerical member of the chamber of deputies, who is on a visit to Rome, has handed the pope a letter signed by the Due de Laroshefoucauld, Decassagne and 45 members of the right in the chamber of deputies in support of their contentions. His holiness declares since he accepted the republic he saw no reason why any Catholic should reject it. On two points he said no misconception was possible. These points were: First, that the government must be acknowledged, and second that the church must hold aloof from political parties.

Gladstone Makes a Speech.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—In the commons this evening Morgan's resolution in favor of the disestablishment of the church in Wales was rejected, 235 to 203. The announcement of the large vote in its favor was greeted with loud opposition cheers. Gladstone made a speech of considerable length, which was greeted with much applause, in favor of Morgan's resolution.

Strange Infatuation.

From the Detroit Free Press.

She—She isn't beautiful. What is it that infatuates him?

He—Perhaps he admires her gracefulness.

She—Maggie Fuller graceful? Why, she does nothing gracefully.

He—But don't you think she grows old very gracefully.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 20.—A resolution relative to uniting all western states in a general reduction of interest was defeated in the legislature.

BURENS AVIERS, Feb. 20.—An attempt was made to-day to assassinate General Roca, formerly minister of the interior. The would-be assassin was imprisoned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The president has approved the act to amend an act regarding the forfeiture of certain lands heretofore granted aiding construction of railroads.